

Sports

Jets honour athletes

After what has been termed another successful season, the Metcalfe Jets management recently held its Award Night to honour team players displaying that little bit extra during the regular season and play-offs.

Despite losing in the divisional finals, the team had an exceptional season dropping only three league games all year. Already, team management is looking forward to next season with a large number of veterans and rookies scheduled to return.

The team's Most Valuable Player award went to Stewart Patterson who, in his first year of junior hockey, was in goal for 19 winning games and only one loss during the regular season. Stewart is a graduate of the Gloucester Rangers AA midget team.

Two other Gloucester graduates, Doug Scharf and Todd Wallace, shared honours for rookie of the year. Jim Kerfoot won as best offensive player and Greg McLaren was named best defenseman. McLaren also took home the President's Trophy for his team spirit and support during the year.

Shane Patterson was judged the Most Improved Player; Kevin McManus, always a tough competitor, captured the Effort and Desire Award; Kevin Downey was awarded for his outstanding effort during the play-offs; and, Burt Brucker received the Coach's Award for his outstanding team contribution.

Another fine effort by the Jets.

Jump into summer

Commuting to the nearest public pool for swimming lessons can be time-consuming and expensive. Now swimming lessons can come to you...in Metcalfe, Russell, wherever.

The YM-YWCA's Backyard Pool Program brings fully qualified instructors to private pools to teach the owner's family, and their neighbours, swimming, diving, or aqua-fitness. The swimming program is designed not only to teach how to swim, but also to encourage enjoyment of the water and safety in and around the pool. Classes are suitable for anyone over one year of age.

The pool owner arranges for twelve or more people to participate in the session. Classes, which consist of three instructors and a minimum of twelve students, are available Monday through Friday and run for three-quarters of an hour.

The pool owner is relieved of any responsibility while the classes are in progress since the YM-YWCA's insurance covers this time. Tuition is free for the pool owner's immediate family. For

others, the cost is between \$10 and \$20 depending on the length of the session and the number of participants from the same family.

The program begins June 28th and ends August 18th. For more information please contact Tom Hodge, Ottawa YM-YWCA, 237-1320 ext. 215.

Tracksters qualify

At the recent EOSSA meet held in Brockville, four Russell area track and field athletes, from North Dundas District High School, qualified to compete in the Regional Finals (May 29, Mooney's Bay).

Although Russell athletes have always done well in track and field, sending four to the Regionals is considered quite an achievement. Debbie McVey will compete in the senior girls high jump. Phil Oliver will compete in the 100 and 200 metres event, Ronnie Ray in the javelin throw and Todd McLaren will be in the shot-put line-up.

With some of Ontario's finest track and field athletes competing in the regionals, the competition will be tough. But qualifying for this prestigious event is quite an achievement in itself. Good luck to Debbie, Ronnie, Phil and Todd.

Embrun hosts fastball tourney

The Second Annual Embrun Fastball Tournament — scheduled to include 24 teams — will go June 9 to 13. The tournament is for intermediate teams only.

No senior player signed in 1982 is allowed to participate nor is any player who has competed in league play against senior teams this year. The tournament will not be open to senior pitchers who

competed last year.

Again, Carling-O'Keefe is sponsoring the tournament. The A Division winner will receive \$800 and the runner-up will get \$500. The B Division will receive \$400 and the runner-up will win \$250.

In addition, special trophies will be awarded to the best pitcher, best hitter and most valuable player. This should prove to be a first class tournament and area fans are urged to take it in.

Last year's tournament champions were the Russell Juniors.

Russell lobs again

The highly successful Russell lob ball league is once again underway with the first games of the summer season being held on Monday, May 17th.

Mark Gravelle, president of the league, said that although the hoped-for number of 60 players

had not all been signed up prior to the first game, he felt confident that the team rosters would soon fill out.

The season is 16 weeks long and for a \$20.00 registration fee, players get 24 games playing either at 8:30 or 10:00 p.m. Mondays; or 8:30 on Thursdays.

If you missed registration this year, why not come out to watch once or twice. When you see the fun the game provides, you won't miss registration next year.

Ramblings

Memories of the Rockets

by Jack McLaren

Much has been written in the newspapers and spoken over the radio in the past few weeks about the once-famous Inkerman Rockets and the man who started it all: Lloyd Laporte.

For those who are too young to remember or who didn't reside in this area during the late forties/early fifties, all the recent fuss probably doesn't mean very much. But for those of us who did, (I was a very young boy, of course) it certainly has rekindled fond memories of a hockey era, the likes of which this area will probably never witness again.

During the regular season, the Rockets played exhibition games out of the old Winchester arena mostly against senior calibre teams. Then, in the late winter, it was on to Ottawa to take on the City Junior A champs.

I can well remember the first few encounters. It was like putting David against Goliath. The Ottawa newspapers wanted to know who the farmers were from Inkerman and why they bothered to come to the big city.

In the first year or two, the city boys had the last laugh as the Rockets, in their worn, tattered

uniforms, were outclassed by the Ottawa league champions.

But the Rockets gained experience. And much sooner than expected, the Inkerman Rockets were the talk of Junior A hockey.

Valley people packed the old Ottawa Auditorium at the corner of O'Connor and Catherine Streets to see their beloved Rockets whip the boys from the city.

During the play-offs, the conversation at breakfast, dinner and supper was hockey and hockey only — no other subject was allowed to be discussed.

Farmers were milking cows early, or not at all, in order to get to the game on time. The route to Ottawa, in those days, was much slower to travel than today's. There was a standing-room only end to the Auditorium where adults could stand for one dollar and children for fifty cents.

Both young and old took great pride in this team. While there were a few imports, Lloyd Laporte did his best to keep local talent. Undoubtedly the most popular of that era were the Duncan twins, Edwin and Erwin. But the crowds also liked Denzil Crowder, Cliff Baldwin, Percy

Armstrong and Embrun's own Jean Paul Lafortune. The latter was forced to end his competitive hockey career prematurely because of ill health.

Hockey Night in Canada's Brian McFarlane was an exceptionally talented hockey player. But probably the most successful was Prescott's Les Boivin. He could play 60 minutes of hockey and, for all that time, be the best body-checker to play Junior hockey. Boivin proved to be equally adept in the National Hockey League.

These are only a few of those memorable Rockets, the list could go on forever.

The Rockets were a way of life for us country boys. They developed such a strong sense of pride that everyone felt they were part of the team. Lloyd Laporte, the man behind the team, was recently honoured. No sport figure was ever more deserving.

Laporte developed a common bond throughout the valley towns in this area — something that is lacking today. He instilled pride in his players and, above all, he produced a hockey era that will go unmatched and one that we will remember for the rest of our lives.

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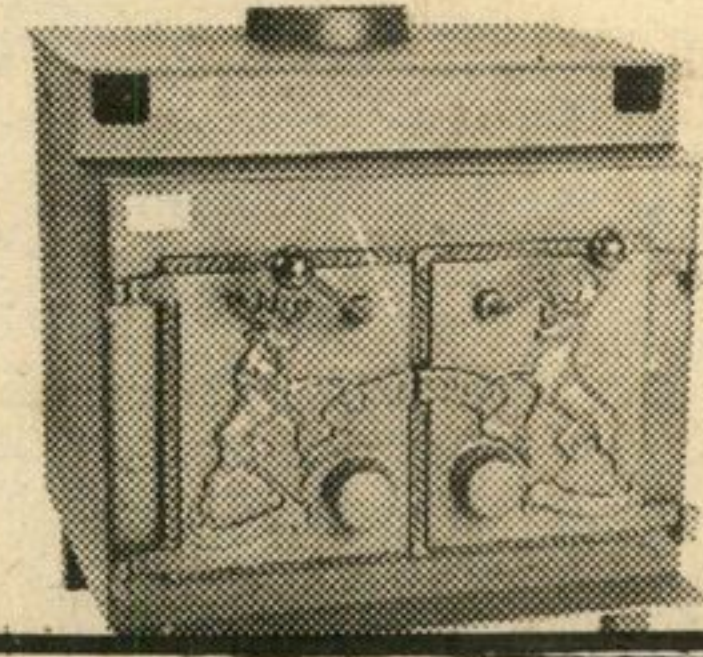
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